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FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAPE TOWN 288 SENT ACTION SECSTATE FEB 14.
QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 288

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FOR AF/S - AMBASSADOR BOWDLER ONLY

FOL TEL SENT CAPE TOWN PRIORITY, INFO JOHANNESBURG 14 FEB 78
HEREWITH REPEATED FOR YOU.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 0837

CAPE TOWN FOR NELSON FROM TARTTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN

SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL PROGRAM

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REF: CAPE TOWN 177 AND 188

1. AFTER DISCUSSING COMMERCIAL PROGRAM FURTHER WITH
STEMPLE AND GIDEON UYS, WE STILL IN FULL ACCORD WITH
JOHANNESBURG'S 280. UYS CONFIRMED MORALE PROBLEM BUT
SAID THEY ARE WORKING TO COMBAT IT, E.G. BY STEPPING UP
VOLUNTARY REPORTING EFFORTS.

2. CONCERNED WORKLOAD, STATISTICS WE RECEIVED IN PREPARATION FOR NAIROBI COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE INDICATE THAT 317 WTDRS PROCESSED BY JOHANNESBURG DURING FY-1977 CONSTITUTED 25 PERCENT OF ALL THOSE PREPARED IN AFRICA. ADS (AGENCY DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE) TOTAL OF 54 WAS ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF AFRICAN TOTAL.

3. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS EXPORT CONTROL AREA WHERE WORK IS BUILDING UP. ABSENCE OF AMERICAN OFFICER IN JOHANNESBURG ADDS DIRECTLY TO PRETORIA'S WORKLOAD.

4. BING AND GIDEON WOULD LIKE TO BE AUTHORIZED TO GET ON WITH NEXT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER AND NEW LISTING OF US FIRMS. SINCE AMBASSADOR INDICATED AT AIRPORT THAT HE WANTED REGULAR ACTIVITIES TO PROCEED, I WONDER IF WE CAN GIVE JOHANNESBURG GREEN LIGHT ON NEWSLETTER WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING DEPARTMENT.

5. IF YOU BELIEVE A CABLE WOULD REACH AMBASSADOR BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM US, RECOMMEND YOU REMIND HIM OF KEY POINTS IN MAC'S MESSAGE AND THE ABOVE IN PRESSING FOR PROMPT ASSIGNMENT OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER. NELSON UNQUOTE NELSON UNQUOTE VANCE

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